



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

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The Honorable Judith Spang, Chairman
Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: HB 319 Amendment to relieve the office of emergency management from having to obtain both state and federal permits when undertaking emergency remediation work.

Dear Chairman Spang:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the amendment to HB 319, which would relieve the office of emergency management from having to obtain both state and federal permits when undertaking emergency remediation work. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) supports this bill.

DES has worked closely with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) on this amendment and believes that the environmental review process proposed by OEM will provide at least an equivalent level of environmental protection as the review process used by DES when considering these types of remediation projects. However, please also note that DES has no authority to present a position on this bill relative to federal agency permits.

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment on this bill. Please feel free to call me at 271-2958, or Collis Adams at 271-4054, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Wells, Asst. Comm.
for Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

cc: Representatives Camm and Weyler